

Frenchman Bay Joint Municipal Board Meeting  
April 5, 2011 Hancock Town Office  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Board members-Dick Fennelly, Shane Wallace, Gary Edwards, Harold Page, Steve Beatham, Warden Mike Hall; Shellfish committee-James Morris.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Fennelly at 6:30 PM at the Hancock Town Office.

Item 1- Current fecal coliform closures:

- 🦀 Skillings river- DMR will be doing extra testing in an effort to pinpoint a point source. Steve asked when the last time a shoreline survey was done.
- 🦀 Mud Creek, Lamoine-small but productive area beaver dams and ducks and geese the most likely causes. A local trapper has indicated a plan to trap in that area next season.
- 🦀 Hog Bay, Franklin- Area at the outlet of Johnny's brook and Card mill stream. Consistent high fecal coliform scores in that area may cause the closure of all of Hog bay. A point source may have been identified.
- 🦀 Conditional area Union river is open.

Item 2- Mussel dragging in the upper Jordon River. We will need to look at adding mussels to our ordinance in order to work with draggers to protect clam resources.

Item 3- Annual Reports for DMR- Some of the dates in our ordinance make compliance difficult. Several other items were mentioned that need updating, including the clauses in the ordinance and Municipal agreement that address changes in the ordinance. The original intent was that the JMB would have authority to make amendments. It appears that the final edits before enactment do not allow that ability. The consensus was that we need to look making all necessary updates. Dick asked that all JMB members and shellfish committee members review the documents and be prepared to submit suggested changes.

Item 4- Warden/enforcement issues:

Dick wanted to discuss the process for handling concerns brought to JMB board members about enforcement. There was some discussion about how this should be handled. It was pointed out that the Warden is an employee of the City of Ellsworth and is currently supervised by Harold Page. It was agreed that all concerns/complaints brought to the board or individual board members be referred to Harold for action.

Item 5- There was brief discussion about getting closure information getting to town offices. We need to develop a better system to get that information out.

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Respectfully submitted,



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